

APPROVED: Meeting No. 34-97

ATTEST: *Paula Jewell*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Meeting No. 27-97

June 9, 1997

The Mayor and Council convened in General Session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on June 9, 1997 at 7:39 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Rose G. Krasnow

Councilmember Robert E. Dorsey

Councilmember Robert J. Wright

Councilmember Glennon J. Harrison

ABSENT

Councilmember James T. Marrinan
(on personal leave)

In attendance: City Manager Rick Kuckkahn, Brenda Bean, for the City Clerk Paula Jewell who is on leave, and City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Mayor Krasnow mentioned the press conference which was held earlier in the morning. The purpose of the press conference was to announce steps taken by the Mayor and Council to address concerns heard about the planning function in the City of Rockville. The following points are highlights from that conference:

- The department of planning has been renamed to the Department of Community Planning and Development Services.
- A new program entitled Neighborhood Resources has been

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established. This program will focus on neighborhood involvement and the planning and development of projects. One facet of the project will be to work closely with Neighborhood Associations to encourage them to become stronger and more active.

- Two new Neighborhood Resource Coordinator positions have been created to get this project underway.

Re: City Manager's Report

1. The City has a New Memorandum of Understanding with the Montgomery County Police Department. This replaces the MOU which was originally formulated in 1987 and is concise, clear and recognizes significant changes in policing that have occurred.

2. The Flag Day Ceremony will take place at Veteran's Park at 7:00 p.m. on June 14th.

3. The City received \$25,000 in small creeks and estuary restoration funds from the Maryland Department of the Environment. MDE has supported many of the City's stormwater management and stream restoration projects.

4. The last Walking Town Meeting took place in the Lynfield Neighborhood. One issue that comes up quite frequently during these Walking Town Meetings, and day-to-day, is the care and maintenance of our street trees. There is a new brochure available which answers a variety of questions related to the City's street tree program.

Re: Proclamation declaring June 14, 1997, as Flag Day in Rockville.

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Proclamation No. 12-97

By a unanimous vote of the Mayor and Council, June 14, 1997 was declared Flag Day in Rockville. Mayor Krasnow mentioned that the Proclamation would not be read this evening inasmuch as it would be presented at the Flag Day Ceremony at Veteran's Park on June 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Re: Citizens Forum - This time is set aside to hear from any citizen who wishes to address the Mayor and Council.

1. Jeffery VanGrack, Esquire - Representing the Willows of Potomac Community Association, Inc. spoke about the issue of the monopoles proposed for placement in that neighborhood by American Personal Communications. Mr. VanGrack indicated that the Willows neighbors strongly opposed the request for construction of the monopole and asked that alternate sites, such as Wotton High School or Frost Middle School, be explored. Some of the reasons for the opposition are:

- The monopole is unsightly
- It would actually be in some of the homeowner's backyards
- The monopole does not fit in the harmony of the residential community, and creates an eyesore.

Councilmember Harrison thanked Mr. VanGrack for speaking on behalf of the Willows Homeowners. Mr. Harrison went on to say that he had serious concerns over the placement of any such towers on school properties in the City and hoped that the residents of the Willows would support the City regarding the issue of antennas at

local schools.

Mayor Krasnow echoed Mr. Harrison's concerns. She mentioned that even though school sites are located within the City of Rockville, they come under the jurisdiction of Montgomery County. She pointed out that because of technology and cell phone demand, monopole antennas will be proliferating someplace. Mayor Krasnow thanked the neighbors in attendance for their participation in this very important issue.

2. Margaret Howlett - 12903 Atlantic Avenue commented on the approval of a use permit granted to McDonald's to place a restaurant at the intersection of Veirs Mill and Atlantic Avenue. Ms. Howlett said that she was dismayed by the entire process and especially with respect to the notification process to the affected parties. Ms. Howlett said that she did not receive notice for either the Planning Commission or Board of Appeals meetings when the item was explored and subsequently approved.

Mayor Krasnow mentioned that the City was currently looking at its notification process because of similar complaints by residents of not receiving information that should have disseminated from the Association President. Mayor Krasnow said that the creation of the new Neighborhood Resource Coordinator positions will help to ensure that information is appropriately filtered to residents.

3. Roger Gruel - 5703 Crawford Drive spoke regarding traffic problems at Veirs Mill and Atlantic Avenue. He also was upset about what he said was a lack of communication between the City and the Twinbrook residents during the

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McDonald's use permit process. Mr. Gruel said that as a member of the Imagine Rockville visioning team, he would also raise the notification process issue.

4. Steven Wilcox - 12903 Atlantic Avenue commented on the lack of responsiveness to citizens concerns regarding the McDonald's use permit issue and also not receiving enough information prior to decisions being made.

5. Mansfield Kaseman - 704 Carter Road invited the Mayor and Council to the 7th Annual Community Ministries Spring Music Festival on June 15. This multi-cultural, multi-racial, interfaith event represented by 22 congregations and highlighted by a children's choir. Proceeds from the event help to defray costs of important programs which serve the citizens.

Re: Appointment

Upon motion of Councilmember Bob Wright, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Wilma Bell was appointed to the Rockville Housing Authority.

Re: Consent Agenda

Upon motion of Councilmember Wright, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the following Consent Agenda items were approved:

- (A) Award of Bid #43-97
 - To: Chesapeake Ford Truck Sales, Inc.
 - Of: Baltimore, MD
 - In the amount of: \$101,474
 - For: The purpose of two 40,000 GVWR low entry cab & chassis
 - AND
 - To: B&B Equipment Co., Inc.

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Of: Baltimore, MD
In the amount of : \$51,986

For: Purchase of two 20-cubic yard rear
loading refuse compactor bodies

- (B) Approval of IRB #7-97 - Option year for
traffic signal maintenance contract .
To: Hawkins Electric Company
Of: College Park, MD
In the amount of \$67,400

For: Traffic signal maintenance and
modifications.

- (C) Award of Montgomery County Contract IFB
#6506000083
To: Concrete General, Inc.
Of: Gaithersburg, MD
In the amount of \$30,000

For: Reconstruction of brick sidewalks for
various projects including the west side
of Forest Avenue from Anderson
Avenue, to Beall Avenue.

Re: Adoption of Ordinance to Amend Zoning
Map - Annexation Petition ANX96-0123,
Eastern Diversified Properties, Petitioner.

To establish C-2, General Commercial, zoning
of approximately 5.66 acres of land located at
15625 Frederick Road.

Ordinance No. 3-97

Upon motion of Councilmember Harrison, duly seconded and unanimously
passed, Ordinance No. 3-97 establishing the C-2, General Commercial zoning of
approximately 5.66 acres located at 15625 Frederick Road, was adopted. A copy of the

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Ordinance may be found in Ordinance Book No. 19 of the Mayor and Council.

Re: New Business

1. With respect to the application of American Personal Communications to lease property in the Willows Development for the construction of a Monopole, Councilmember Harrison proposed that the Mayor and Council not grant this application.

Councilmember Wright mentioned that the County was in the process of putting together a policy on the use of school sites for this purpose. Mr. Wright echoed Mr. Harrison's earlier concerns that the County not use schools and that they explore other possibilities.

Mayor Krasnow said that the City receives many requests for cellular towers. During her recent travels to the State of Florida, Mayor Krasnow said Cell towers were everywhere. She said that this is a very difficult issue and will not go away as technology increases and that the Mayor and Council must come up with a concise policy on how to deal with the many requests the City is receiving. For the time being, Mayor Krasnow is comfortable with denying American Personal Communication's request. The Mayor further pointed out that the cellular industry was trying to take the issue to the federal government level because they are having trouble procuring cellular sites.

Councilmember Harrison asked for citizen participation as the City develops its policy on the issue.

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Re: Adjourn to Worksession

The Mayor and Council convened in Worksession at 8:10 p.m. to discuss the City Manager's Operating budget for Fiscal Year 1998. Also present were Deputy City Manager Julia Novak, Finance Director Donna Boxer, Controller David Rowland and Budget Analyst Susan Fournier. Other members of staff were also present.

This was the fourth and final Budget Worksession of the Mayor and Council. At this meeting, the Mayor and Council primarily discussed the Capital Improvement Program they were not able to address at earlier worksessions.

Due to a failure in the audio equipment, this worksession was not recorded for minute transcription purposes. However, all matters that were discussed and decided on by the Mayor and Copuncil, were followed up by staff and incorporated into the final adopted budget for Fiscal Year 1998.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:10, to reconvene in worksession on June 10, 1997.